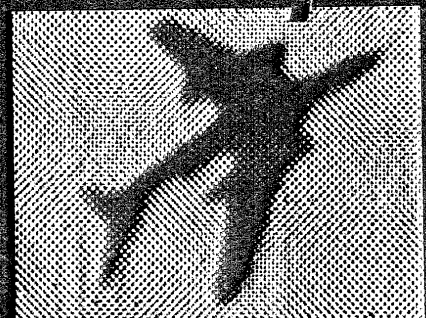


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, Imagery Exploitation Group, NPIC
THROUGH : Chief, Western Geographic Division, IEG/NPIC
SUBJECT : Probable Fake Photography--Washington Post, 27 Oct 69

1. Many aspects of this picture indicate that it is probably fake. Aircraft pictured are the exact size in all dimensions (in fact one aircraft is an exact mirror image of the other as evidence when superimposed on each other). To achieve this remarkable effect these aircraft would have to be the exact same distance from, and have exact same look angle to the camera. The odds are extremely high against this.

2. On the rear portion of the aircraft fuselage there appears to be an indentation. This would be caused by halation since the Vatour aircraft has no indentation at this point to cause this appearance. It would be highly coincidental for two aircraft to present surface angles to the sun that would result in the same size and shape spot of halation in the exact same place on the aircraft.

3. Other discrepancies, such as the closeness to the ground of one aircraft in its pull-out roll are noted. If this is an example of fake photography it apparently has fulfilled its creators objectives.


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